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Re: Application of:

GRAAB et al.

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For:

**FLOOR COVERING OF AN
ELASTOMER MATERIAL HAVING A
TEXTURED SURFACE****SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 11, 2006

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

It is noted that German Patent Document No. DE 1 683 381, while not specifically cited, corresponds to French Patent Document FR 1 542 948 and is thus submitted to provide an English language translation of the claim.

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" on April 11, 2006.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b), before the mailing date of a First Office Action. Therefore, no fee is believed due.

In the event any additional fee is due in connection with this response or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A01	6,939,598	Sep. 2, 05	Heckel et al.	428	156	
	A02						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	A11	DE 1 018 209	Oct. 24, 57	DE – Germany			see translated claim	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A12	FR 1 542 948	Oct. 18, 68	FR – France			see translated claim of related DE '381	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A13	DE 1 683 381	Mar. 11, 71	DE – Germany			see translated claim	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A14	EP 1 184 528	Mar. 6, 02	EP – Europe			see US '598	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A15	EP 0 814 218	May 2, 02	EP – Europe			see English language claims	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A16							<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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